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To assist the Examiner in reviewing the above referenced application, enclosed are copies of the following U.S. Patents which are discussed and distinguished from the present invention in the Background section of the application:

3,922,908

4,164,875

Also enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent 4,926,885, which teaches a method of selecting medication and medical equipment for use by medical personnel, where the selection is based on the length of a patient.

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Additionally enclosed is a copy of order forms used by Applicants' assignee, Alpina Sports Corporation, indicating the intended weight ranges for particular lengths of several models of racing skis for which Alpina is the U.S. distributer. The use of such intended weight ranges is discussed in the Background section of the present application.

These references constitute the relevant prior art of which Applicants and their representatives are aware. Enclosed with this disclosure statement is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed references.

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